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May 25, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

On January 25, 2005, your Board granted approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The current status of the pilot program is outlined below:

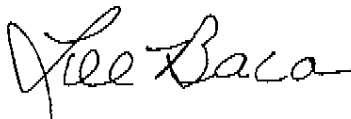
- On April 26, 2005, ICE instructors began a four-week training session with seven Custody Assistants who were selected and approved for the pilot program after successfully completing a background check.
- On the eve of the training, Supervisor Molina advised the Sheriff's Department she wanted a representative from her office to observe the training. The Sheriff's Department approved the attendance of the representative over the objections of the ICE Academy instructors. Vicki Santana was present and actively participated in the entire first day of training.
- The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) requested permission to attend the training. As it is the goal of the Sheriff's Department to be a transparent organization which is open to partnership with the community, the Sheriff's Department approved their request.
- On April 26, 2005, Captain Argott, Unit Commander of the Inmate Reception Center, and Sergio Guzman, ICE Academy Supervisor, met with Chief Klugman to discuss ICE objections to having non-law enforcement observers in the training program. The discussion focused on the issue of exposing these observers to law enforcement sensitive information. Although ICE officials agreed to allow a representative from Supervisor Molina's office, they refused to allow MALDEF or any other non-government representative to attend the training.

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- On April 27, 2005, due to the impasse between ICE and the Sheriff's Department, Chief Klugman temporarily suspended the training program.
- On April 28, 2005, the ICE instructors collected their training material and returned to their former assignments.
- Currently, the training program remains suspended pending resolution of the issue.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call me or Chief Marc Klugman, of Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,

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LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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